

## League of United Latin American Citizens

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO STOP THE DEPORTATIONS OF GREEN CARD VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of green card veterans, family members of green card veterans and gold star families have been deported or currently face deportation orders; and

**WHEREAS**, these veterans and their families have sacrificed immensely for this country, sometimes paying the ultimate price of losing a loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, these veterans are recruited with and promised citizenship in return for their service to the country, sometimes after serving multiple tours of active duty; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC National passed a resolution unanimously in 2015 to support and defend these green card veterans, their families and gold star families; and

**WHEREAS**, US Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) has introduced HB 1405 known as the Veterans Visa and Protection Act of 2017 to bring home deported veterans and that this version does not include veterans who are other than honorably discharged and does not include families of veterans or gold star families;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC National will advocate for the introduction of HB 1405 in the US Senate; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that LULAC National will advocate for an amendment to this bill to include all deported veterans regardless of criminal record or level of discharge; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that LULAC National will advocate for an amendment to this bill to include family members of veterans and gold star families.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

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